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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 62

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

PATSY G. TRUJILLO

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO
ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
REGARDING THE TRANSIT NEEDS OF RECIPIENTS OF ASSISTANCE UNDER
THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT.

WHEREAS, welfare reform initiatives, including a new
federal block grant program called "temporary assistance for
needy families" will have a significant effect on people in
poverty in New Mexico who receive financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, people who receive this financial assistance will
be required to seek employment; and

WHEREAS, recipients of temporary assistance for needy
families financial assistance may not own a vehicle or have
access to reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, temporary assistance for needy families recipients

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1 have transportation needs that include access to child-care
2 services, training programs and jobs as well as flexible hours
3 of availability of transportation for those who obtain jobs
4 requiring shift work; and

5 WHEREAS, public transportation services are inadequate in
6 many parts of the state;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation
9 department be requested to establish a task force that includes
10 representatives from regional transit groups and state
11 government agencies that have transportation programs to study
12 and make recommendations regarding the transit needs of
13 recipients of assistance under the temporary assistance for
14 needy families block grant; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
16 study the possible development of a statewide network of
17 community-based transportation services, including consideration
18 of free access to public transit for temporary assistance for
19 needy families recipients who are transitioning to work; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations of the task
21 force include plans for waiver requests to the federal
22 government to decategorize vans funded with federal money; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the recommendations of the task
24 force be presented to the interim legislative health and human
25 services committee by September 1, 1998; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
to the secretary of highway and transportation.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 6, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: None

Absent: Carpenter, Larranaga, Parsons, Russell, W. C. Williams

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 18, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Fidel, Howes, Robinson

Absent: None

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